

PURPOSE

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Lead Safe Home Program (LSHP) has identified funding gaps in providing non-lead home repairs related to immediate health and safety hazards to Flint households. Flint supplemental funding is available for Fiscal Year 2018 to address emergent issues affecting habitability within homes located in Flint or on the city of Flint water supply. The Flint Supplemental Emergency Repair funding supplements lead work provided through LSHP.

This funding is available to address other existing habitability hazards identified by the program at LSHP enrolled properties, regardless of the funding source identified for the lead hazard control work. These hazards must be non-lead related and must present an immediate threat to occupants' health and/or safety.

POLICY

To be eligible for these funds, property must be:

1. Located in Flint or on the city of Flint water supply.
2. Eligible for the LSHP.
3. Enrolled in the LSHP.

To be eligible for Flint Supplemental Emergency Repair funding, the lead hazard control portion of the project can be funded through Flint Supplemental, Medicaid Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding, state General Fund or U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Hazard Control grant funding.

Use these funds to repair the following components or provide the following services:

- Roof repair or replacement.
- Foundation repair.
- Drinkable water and hot water.
- Working bathroom and toilet.
- Water or sewage backup repair.
- Furnace repair or replacement.
- Pest control.
- Working electricity.
- Pod rental for lead work preparation or pest control.
- Identified repairs to address any other immediate threats to occupants' health and/or safety where the property owner does not have available resources to address it themselves.

Any repairs outside the scope of lead hazard control must be pre-approved by the MDHHS Division of Environmental Health director and Healthy Homes section manager.

Provide these funds as grant dollars with no cost obligation to property owner or occupant. These funds shall be available as first come, first served based on severity of hazard identified. Maximum funding per home shall be \$15,000, unless otherwise approved.

MDHHS is under no obligation to provide these funds on every enrolled LSHP project. MDHHS holds no claim beyond providing these services that the home is free of structural, mechanical, electrical or other hazards or deficiencies or that the home meets any implied warranty of habitability. MDHHS is not responsible for providing general residential inspections for health and safety violations and is not responsible for identification, repair or notification of additional health and safety hazards.

PROCEDURE

- Lead Safe Home Program, regional field consultants (RFC) shall assess the need for non-lead emergency housing repairs during initial visit to the subject property.
- If needs are determined, RFC and family services coordinator (FSC) will seek to determine if local resources exist to support necessary repairs.
- If RFC and FSC are unable to secure commitment from local resources for repairs, RFC submits request to the Lead Safe Home Program (LSHP) unit manager for emergency repairs to subject property.
- LSHP unit manager reviews request and approves or denies.
- If approved, RFC drafts work specifications and includes these specifications in project scope of work.
- LSHP unit manager codes these expenses to Flint Supplemental funding.

LEGAL BASE

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CONTACT

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